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## FTS 371 Smart Controller Modbus RTU Over RS485

- **Addressing:** The FTS 371 Smart AC and DC system controllers are configured to be a Modbus slave device. The controller includes a rotary switch on the bottom right to accommodate multiple FTS 371 Smart Systems to be monitored through Modbus. This rotary switch specifies the Modbus slave address with values 1 through 10 (Switch positions 1 to 9 address as 1 to 9 and Switch position 0 addresses as 10). When multiple FTS 371 controllers are used, they must be addressed and monitored individually. Data is not collated from slaves to the master.
- **Baud Rate:** The default baud rate upon booting is 9600 baud. The baud rate may be altered during runtime. See registers #5[Tower Lighting Controller FW Baud Rate] and #401 [Boot Loader Baud Rate]. The bootloader interface is available at power. The tower lighting controller Modbus interface on power up is available about 10 seconds later.

Station ID	1-10
Baud Rate	9600
Data Bits	8

Parity	None
Stop Bits	1
Flow Control	None

- **Register Access:** Any span of registers can be read or written in one Modbus message with Modbus function code 03 (read) and function code 16(write). Unmapped address space will return the values 65535 (0xFFFF). Access to restricted address space outside the map areas will cause an error response. If writing multiple registers where there may be undefined or reserved registers in the span between the desired registers to write, then the register data in the Modbus write message for those undefined/reserved registers are simply ignored. For example, if writing register #30[LI Control] and register #44[LI Stage Time] in 1 modbus write message the read only registers between should be written in the write message but the writes for those registers is ignored. Only write capable registers process Modbus writes.
- **Modbus Error responses** contain 3 bytes and 2 crc bytes. Those bytes are – Station ID, Function Code OR'd with 0x80 (to indicate error), and the error code. The error codes are as follows:
  - (1) Unsupported Modbus Function Code - Only functions codes 3 (read) and 16 (write) are supported
  - (2) Unsupported Register Access - The register or register count exceed the valid map space
  - (3) Modbus Msg Size Error - The message size of a read function #3 must be 6 bytes + 2 crc bytes
  - (4) Unsupported Argument - The value written to a specified register is invalid
  - (6) FW Upgrade Not Ready - A FW upgrade was attempted before unlocking the upgrade process

## FTS 371 Smart Controller Architecture Notes

The FTS 371 Smart Controller series is capable of firmware upgrade through USB on site and remotely through Modbus. To accommodate this feature, the controller firmware is launched by a bootloader application. There are two tower lighting controller firmware (TLCFW) programs, a primary and failsafe program. The failsafe firmware is non-writable / non-upgradable and will always remain at the firmware revision that the controller originally ships with. The primary firmware may be upgraded through USB or Modbus.

If at any time the primary firmware becomes unusable the failsafe firmware will run. Register #72 Controller Alarms / Indications Bit 11: Primary FW Alarm Indicates the primary firmware image has failed and the unit is running the failsafe TLCFW. For example, the primary firmware may become unusable if a FW upgrade was in progress and was interrupted through power loss or communications timeout. The primary TLCFW would be erased at the beginning of the upgrade and incompletely upgraded. There are safeguards in place such that the primary TLCFW is not erased until 1) The firmware upgrade is unlocked with a special 2 register write sequence with specific values and 2) the first upgrade packet received decodes properly as a valid TLCFW upgrade data.

For further information about remotely upgrading an FTS 371 Smart controller through Modbus refer to page 8.

Normal operation of the FTS 371 Smart Controller would be that on reset the bootloader would run for 10 seconds without finding upgrade triggers and then launch the TLCFW. During the bootloader's 10 seconds runtime the RS485 Modbus RTU map is restricted to registers 400 through 661. Any other Modbus access such as access to the primary program's Modbus tower monitoring map will cause an error response until the TLCFW is launched. After the TLCFW is running the bootloader Modbus map space registers 400 through 661 are inaccessible and will cause an error response.

Also note that during the first 10 seconds of power up while the bootloader is running that the monitoring dry contacts will all be in an un-energized alarm state. For example, the bcn, mkr, and PD alarm contacts Normally Closed terminal will be in an open state.

## FAA Compliant Monitoring of the FTS 371 Smart Controller with Modbus RTU Over RS485

This document section is intended as a guide only. Flash Technology and parent company SPX do not assume any responsibility or liability of 3<sup>rd</sup> party Modbus host monitoring application programs. Please reference [FAA Advisory Circular AC 70/7460-1](#) (Rev L at the time of this document release) for definitive monitoring requirements. Please read the modbus map alarm register descriptions in the FTS 371 Smart Tower Lighting Controller Modbus Map section prior to reviewing this guidance

It is recommended for the monitoring Modbus host to read the entire Modbus map space to poll the system for monitoring information and diagnostic data. The Modbus host should examine the tower status register #70 to determine if a reportable event has occurred that requires further examination. When a reportable event such as a beacon red night alarm, PD 19hour mode change alarm, marker alarm, or other alarm occurs this register will increment from 0 to overflowing at 0xFFFF(65535d) back to 0. The host should compare the previous tower status state register value to the newly received value.

If the value has changed then further examination of the alarm registers is required to determine the alarm source. NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) worthy alarm points are as follows below.

- Register #72 [Controller Alarms]
  - Bit 6: GPS Sync Failure - Flashing devices out of sync on wind turbine site are grounds for issuing an FAA NOTAM
  - Bit 13: Input Flash Sync (Slave controllers only on linked multi controller systems). Slave controllers are required receive operating mode (day or night) and flash sync from the master. Flashing devices out of sync on a tower are grounds for issuing an FAA NOTAM
- Register #78 [Beacon Red Night Alarms]
  - Bit 0: Beacon Tier Red Night Alarm (On A1, A1+1 systems, or linked multi controller A2 and above systems). Beacon Tier Red Night Alarms trigger on 4 missed flashes. Note that 4 good flash periods are required to restore the alarm
- Register #82 [Marker Alarms]
  - Bit 0: Marker Tier Alarm NOTAM worthy only on A0 systems or A1 and above systems with flashing markers. Marker Tier Alarms trigger on 4 bad marker periods. Note that 4 good marker periods are required to restore the alarm
- Register #301 [Auxiliary Interface Lights On / Off Command]
  - If a radar system is controlling the FTS 371 Smart System, then upon reading register 301 it must be insured to be the same command written to the that register. A failure of lights on represents a NOTAM event

### **FAA Advisory Circular AC 70/7460-1 Relevant Sections**

- Section 2.4 Light Failure Notification details the steps of when and how to file NOTAM issues and restorations with the FAA.
- Section 4.8 Monitoring Obstruction Lights details monitoring requirements
- Section 13.5.3 Marking and Lighting Wind Turbines, Lighting Standards details light synchronization requirements
- Section 14 Aircraft Detection Lighting systems details using a radar system through the FTS 371 Smart Auxiliary Modbus or Dry Contact interfaces

## FTS 371 Smart Tower Lighting Controller Modbus Map

### FTS 371 Smart Controller Configuration

The configuration registers reflect the FTS 371 Smart Controllers onboard switch configurations. No remote configuration of the FTS 371 Smart system is possible except for 1) The modbus interface baud rate 2) Remote manual mode override duration 3) Remote Lighting Inspection stage duration 4) A Universally Unique Identifier 5) GPS Custom Sync Delay 6) Auxiliary Interface Heartbeat Interval Time

Tower Configuration Registers				
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values	
0	R	Modbus Map Version Number	Single digit indication the modbus map version. Ex: Version 1 reads as 0x0001	
1	R	FTS 371 Smart Controller Type	AC System (0) or DC System(1)	
2	R	Reboot Count	A count of the number of reboots over the controller's lifetime	
3	R	Life Runtime Days Count	A count in days of the controller's life runtime	
4	R	Tower App FW Version	Bits 16 to 8: Major Revision	
			Bits 7 to 0: Minor Revision	
			Example – V2.4 would read as 0x0204	
5	R/W	Tower App FW Baud Rate	Write the values below to change the TLCFW baud rate. Upon changing baud rates if no Modbus communication is received within 5 minutes the default 9600 baud rate is restored. Upon changing the controller will store the value and persist through reboots. However, if the controller boots and receives no Modbus communication within 5 minutes it will also revert to the 9600 baud default.	
			If this baud rate is changed from default and communications is later lost the Modbus monitoring master should attempt communication with the 9600 default baud rate and then resetting the desired baud rate. Note that is perfectly acceptable to use the default 9600 baud rate exclusively without any alternate baud complexity	
			(0) 2400	(5) 28800
			(1) 4800	(6) 38400
			(2) 9600 (default)	(7) 57600
			(3) 14400	(8) 115200
		(4) 19200		
7		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)	
8	R	Beacon Flash Spec	USA FAA Specifications(0), ICAO International Specifications(1)	
9	R	Beacon Mode	Steady (0), Flashing(1)	
10	R	Tower Type	Red(1) - (no other value applicable)	
11	R	# of Beacons Configured	0-2, the number of beacons present on the tower	
12	R	# of Beacons Sensed	0-2, the number of operational beacons detected	
13	R	# of Markers Configured	0-8, the number of markers present on the tower	
14	R	# of Markers Sensed	0-8, the number of operational markers detected	
15-22		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)	
23	R	FPM Red	20, 30, 40, or 60 Flashes per minute (irrelevant for devices configured as steady)	
24	R	Flash Spec	FAA (0) or ICAO (1)	
25	R	Marker Mode	Steady (0), Flashing(1)	
26	R	Red Flash Mode	Legacy (0), Efficiency (1)	
27	R	Catenary Level	Middle[no flash sequence modification](0), Top(1), or Bottom(2)	
28		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)	

## Performing Lighting Inspections Remotely with the FTS 371 Smart Controller with Modbus RTU Over RS485

Please read the modbus map lighting inspection (LI) register descriptions in the FTS 371 Smart Tower Lighting Controller Modbus Map section prior to reviewing this guidance. Please note that remotely initiated LIs do not replace on site quarterly or annual tower light inspections. It is intended for use in aiding in remote diagnostics. Remotely initiated LI run an automated test holding at each stage for the value specified in register #44 [LI Stage Time]. A remotely initiated LI is started by writing 0x0010 (bit 4 set) to register #30 [LI Control]. Any remotely initiated LI can be canceled by writing to the same register a value of 0x0020 (bit 5 set). Reading the same register will indicate through Bit 0 of the response value that the LI is currently running or not. Reading the same register will indicate through Bit 3 of the response value if a LI has completed and results are available in register #32 [Light Inspection results]. Reading register #31 [LI Stage] will indicate the current step of the test if this information is desired. Reading register #32 [LI Test Results] once the test completes will indicate pass and fail results for each points of the test. If a beacon(s) are present, then its results will be present and the same for markers. Each beacon and marker results contain 1) Was the device tested 2) Did it pass the inhibit (alarm assertion) stage 3) Did it pass the restore stage. Lighting inspections results are available from both remote and onsite inspections

Lighting Inspection Test and Results Registers			
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values
30	R/W	LI Control	Bit 0 (Read Only) – 1 indicates Auto Fast LI is in progress
			Bit 1 – not implemented
			Bit 2 – not implemented
			Bit 3 (Read Only) – 1 indicates the LI has completed and the results are ready
			Bit 4 (Writeable) – Set to 1 to cancel any running LI
			Bit 5 (Writeable) – Set to 1 to start an Automatic Fast LI
31	R	LI Stage	0 - Inactive (Has not ran or is completed)
			1 - Automatic Lighting Inspection Started
			2 - Beacon Pretest: Detecting if the beacon is already in alarm
			3 - Beacon Inhibit: Causing and waiting for beacon alarm to activate
			4 - Beacon Restore: Resuming and waiting for beacon alarm to clear
			5 - Marker Pretest: Detecting if the marker is already in alarm
			6 - Marker Inhibit: Causing and waiting for marker alarm to activate
			7 - Marker Restore: Resuming and waiting for marker alarm to clear
			8 - Photodiode Alarm Active: Causing and waiting for PD alarm to activate
9 - Photodiode Alarm Restored: Resuming and waiting for PD alarm to clear			
32	R	LI Test Results	Bit 8 – Beacon(s) not tested (0), was tested in Red Night (1)
			Bit 9 – Beacon(s) passed pretest (0), failed pretest (1)
			Bit 10 – Beacon(s) passed inhibit (0), failed inhibit (1)
			Bit 11 – Beacon(s) passed restore (0), failed restore (1)
			Bit 12 – Marker Tier not tested (0), was tested in Red Night(1)
			Bit 13 – Marker Tier passed pretest (0), failed pretest (1)
			Bit 14 – Marker Tier passed inhibit (0), failed inhibit (1)
			Bit 15 – Marker Tier passed restore(0), failed restore (1)
33	R	LI Age 1	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago since power up
			Bits 15 to 8: Days
			Bits 7 to 0: Hours
34	R	LI Age 2	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago since power up
			Bits 15 to 8: Minutes
			Bits 7 to 0 Seconds
33 - 43		Unused	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
44	RW	LI Stage Time	Time value in seconds. Represents the time between each Auto LI stage. Acceptable values are 30 seconds minimum and 7200 seconds (2hours) maximum.

**Performing Temporary Remote Mode Overrides with the FTS 371 Smart Controller with Modbus RTU Over RS485**

The FTS 371 Smart Controller’s operating mode can be remotely overridden. Register #60 [Mode Override Control] must be written with the desired mode and register #61 [Mode Override Time] must be written with the desired minute count duration of the override.

Tower Override			
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values
60	R/W	Mode Override Control	Read: Override Mode Off (0), Day (1), Red Night (3)
			Write: Day (1), Red Night (3), Cancel Override Mode (4)
61	R/W	Mode Override Time	Valid range is 1-65535 Override Time in Minutes (1min to 45 days). Write sets the override time. Read retrieves the remaining amount of time of the override if the override is active. If override is not active a read retrieves the set override time

**Please refer to page 3 FAA Compliant Monitoring of the FTS 371 Smart Controller with Modbus RTU Over RS485 for tower status monitoring instructions**

Tower Monitoring Interface			
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values
70	R	Tower Status State	0-65535(0xFFFF) Increments indicate a reportable status event such as an alarm occurred
71	R	Tower Configuration State	0-65535(0xFFFF) Increments indicate a tower configuration change occurred
72	R	Controller Alarms / Indications	Bit 0: Indicates system powered up (De-asserts after the first read of this register)
			Bit 1: Reserved
			Bit 2: Reserved
			Bit 3: Indicates a site voltage error. Voltage is either out of supported range or not detected
			Bit 4: Indicates a photodiode alarm, which is a 19 hour mode change failure
			Bit 5: Reserved
			Bit 6: Indicates GPS sync failure. No GPS signal has been present for 1 hour or the GPS Antenna Status has faulted open or shorted
			Bit 7: Indicates a conflicting configuration in the dipswitch banks. For example – more than 1 flash per minute switch is set.
			Bit 8: Indicates Override Mode
			Bit 9: Indicates system is running a Lighting Inspection Test
			Bit 10: A USB Flash Drive is Inserted in the controller
			Bit 11: Primary FW Alarm, Indicates the primary TLCFW has failed and the unit is running the failsafe firmware
			Bit 12: (Slave controllers only) Indicates this slave has not received a master flash mode / sync signal for 10 minutes
			Bit 13: Reserved
			Bit 14: Reserved
Bit 15: Reserved			
73	R	Controller Alarms / Indications Changed	Bit mapped alarm indications changed (same bit map as register 72) since last modbus poll of this register
74 - 77		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
78	R	Beacon Red Night Alarms	Bit 0: Indicates 1 or more beacons are in alarm (4 or more missed flashes)
79	R	Beacon Red Night Alarms Changed	Bit 0: Indicates a beacon alarm state changed since last modbus poll of this register
80 - 81		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
82	R	Marker Alarms	Bit 0: Indicates 1 or more markers are in alarm (4 or more bad MKR periods)
83	R	Marker Alarms Changed	Bit 0: Indicates a markers alarm state changed since last modbus poll of this register
84 - 85		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
86	R	Current Tower Lighting Operating Mode	Day (1), Red Night (3)
87	R	Photodiode Detected Mode	Day (1), Red Night (3)
88	R	Master Commanded Mode	(Slave Controllers only) The mode this slave has received from its master: Day (1), Red Night (3)

## Diagnostic Data of the FTS 371 Smart Controller

The FTS 371 Smart Controller will indicate several diagnostic data points. Reboot count, Firmware build timestamp, and UUID features are available for PCB and firmware tracking. The input AC voltage, DC supply voltage, and beacon current and power draw are available to assist in troubleshooting. Voltage and current readings are taken during the flash on time. The calculated power draw includes the flash off time for average power draw of the beacon.

Note that the beacon's current and power draw will vary with the type of flash configured. The FH371IR flash head will output different light levels for different flash types. For example, 60FPM Legacy FAA will draw about 25% more power than 20FPM Legacy FAA during the flash on time. Power/Current draw efficiency is also affected by the site's power supply voltage and ambient temperature. For example, at 120VAC, 24C(75F) – with an FAA Efficiency flash selected average current draw per beacon is about 850mA. With an FAA Legacy 20FPM the flash draws about 475mA and at 60FPM 590mA.

FTS 371 Controller Board Diagnostics			
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values
91	R/W	Controller Reboot	Any write value reboots this controller. Reading the register supplies the # of reboots of the system
92 – 122	R	Controller Firmware Build Timestamp	ASCII string, null terminated. Indicates the Date and Time that this firmware was created. It should appear for example in this format: <b>371SM: SEP 2 2016 12:53:09</b>
123 – 130	R/W	Controller Board Universally Unique Identifier	128 bit / 16 byte (8 register) Universally Unique Identification number. Factory Default is ASCII "0123456789ABCDEF" (0x30313233343536373839414243444545) and must be set by a Modbus master generating a UUID. Write 2 bytes per UUID register
130-138	-	<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
139	R	Controller Board Input AC Power Voltage	(FTS 371 Smart AC Controller only) The site power voltage in Volts AC RMS
140	R	Controller Board DC Power Voltage	The FTS 371 Smart AC or DC board's DC power voltage in Volts DC
141	R	FTS 371 Controller Photodiode Value	The amount of ambient light currently measured by the photodiode in Lux. Note the PD's range is 0 to 740 Lux. Anything higher reads as 740 Lux
142	R	Controller Up Time Register 1	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago since power up
			Bits 15 to 8: Days
			Bits 7 to 0: Hours
143	R	Controller Up Time Register 2	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago since power up
			Bits 15 to 8: Minutes
			Bits 7 to 0 Seconds
144	R	Beacon Current Draw	Beacon Current Draw in AC milliamps RMS (or DC milliamps for a FTS 371 Smart DC Controller)
145	R	Beacon Power Draw	Beacon Power Draw in Watts RMS. Upper 8 bits is the whole number and lower 8 bits the 1st decimal digit. Ex: 9.4 Watts would read 0x0904. LSB Decimal digits will always be a 0 to 9 value



## GPS Data of the FTS 371 Smart Controller with Modbus RTU Over RS485

The FTS 371 Smart Controller supports an optional GPS riser card. With the GPS card in place the below registers become meaningful. To universally support any GPS synchronization scheme, register #152 [GPS Custom Sync Adjust] is provided to allow 0 to 3000ms of sync event delay.

GPS Registers			
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values
150	R	GPS Present	An optional GPS add-on card is present on this controller (1) or not (0)
151	R	GPS Sync Type	Flash Sync(0), Orga Sync Compatibility (1), Unimar Sync Compatibility (2)
152	R / W	GPS Custom Sync Adjust	User configurable 0 to 3000ms sync delay adjustment option
153	R	GPS Satellites in View	The number of satellites that are in view of the GPS antenna
154	R	GPS Antenna Status	Normal (0), Shorted Fault (1), Open Fault (2)
155	R	GPS Time Since Last Sync Event Register 1	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago was the last GPS sync event
			Bits 15 to 8: Days
			Bits 7 to 0: Hours
156	R	GPS Time Since Last Sync Event Register 2	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago was the last GPS sync event
			Bits 15 to 8: Minutes
			Bits 7 to 0 Seconds

## Auxiliary Interface of the FTS 371 Smart Controller with Modbus RTU Over RS485

The FTS 371 Smart Controller supports a Modbus (and dry contact) auxiliary interface typically used for lighting systems with external aircraft detection radar. Through Modbus this interface must be enabled and commanded lights on or off.

The heartbeat mechanism provides a watchdog mechanism so that if the FTS 371 heartbeat register or lights on/off register is not written periodically within the bounds of the heartbeat interval configuration register then any lights off command is canceled.

Auxiliary Interface Registers			
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values
300	R/W	Auxiliary Interface Control Type	Disabled(0), Modbus(1), Dry Contact(DC) Input(2)
			Value 2 is readable only and reflects the controller configuration switch state). Modbus Control Type will override the DC Radar type configuration switch. If the DC configuration is switch is set, setting this register to 0 (disabled) has no effect on the DC implementation.
301	R/W	Command Lights On/Off	Lights on(0), Lights off(1)
			Note1: Writing to this register refreshes the heartbeat timer mechanism in registers 303/304 if enabled
			Note2: The lights will obey the tower's current operating mode. For example in Day operation the lights will not illuminate if commanded to do so
302		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
303	R/W	'Heartbeat' Interval Configuration	0: Disabled
			(1 – 99): not valid inputs – 100 (10.0s) minimum time required.
			100 - 65535: the time in multiples of 100 milliseconds to default lights on if not 'kicked'
304	W	'Heartbeat'	Write value of 0x55AA. If register is not written to within the time configured in Register 303, then lights will be turned on until commanded to be off again
305-307		<i>Unused</i>	Reads 65535 (0xFFFF)
308	R	Last Lights On/Off transition Timestamp Register 1	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago was the last radar command
			Bits 15 to 8: Days
			Bits 7 to 0: Hours
309	R	Last Lights On/Off transition Timestamp Register 2	How many day/hours/minutes/seconds ago was the last radar command
			Bits 15 to 8: Minutes
			Bits 7 to 0 Seconds

## FTS 371 Smart Controller Remote Modbus Firmware Upgrade Process

Please ensure you have read and understand the FTS 371 Smart Controller Architecture Notes section on page 2 of 8 in this document before reviewing the firmware upgrade process below.

In this process it is assumed the FTS 371 Smart Controller to be upgraded is currently running its tower lighting controller firmware normally and is being monitored through Modbus. The Modbus host should follow these steps

1. Reboot the controller through register #91[Controller Reboot]
2. Switch the host baud rate to 9600
3. Poll register #400[Boot Loader Active] and wait for a non-error Modbus response. Repeat if no response or error response received. If no OK response is received after 10 seconds, then the TLCFW has likely launched and is running. Restart this process.
4. Optionally the host may now write to register #401[Boot Loader Baud Rate] to set a new baud rate.
  - a. Once the baud rate is set the host should set its own baud rate to the new rate.
  - b. Again poll register #400[Boot Loader Active] and wait for a non-error Modbus response to confirm communications at the new rate.
5. The host will now perform a 2 register write to registers #402 and #403 [Unlock FW Upgrade Mode register 1 and 2] with values 0x7CA2 and 0x3A1D (31906 and 14877 decimal values) and wait for a non-error Modbus response. Repeat if no response or error response received
6. The host will now transfer the firmware upgrade to the FTS 371 Smart Controller. The FTS 371 upgrade file can be obtained through the [Flash Technology website](#). The upgrade file will be of format **FTS371SMART\_Vx.x.ecp**. The host will transfer this file with these steps:
  - a. The upgrade file will be read 512 bytes at a time.
  - b. The host keeps an incrementing sequence number for each upgrade packet sent beginning at 1. Please note that when the bootloader receives the 1<sup>st</sup> upgrade packet the response is delayed by about 8 seconds. If the 1<sup>st</sup> packet decodes correctly the processor's primary tower application memory is erased and this takes some time. After the 1<sup>st</sup> packet response the bootloader acknowledge messages will come more quickly on the order of about 400ms at 115.2k baud.
  - c. The host performs a Modbus write of 257 registers to register #404[Upgrade Packet ID] where the first register is the packet sequence number and next 256 registers is the 512 bytes read from the upgrade file.  
Note: The 'byte count' of the Modbus write is ignored in these messages larger than 256 bytes. Only the register count is processed.
  - d. After each packet write you must wait for an OK response. If no response or an error response is received – resend the same packet until an OK response is received.
  - e. Once an OK response is received increment the packet sequence number and read the next 512 bytes. Repeat this process until the host reaches the end of file.
  - f. Once the end of the upgrade file is read the last packet size is likely less than 512 bytes. Again send this data writing the sequence number to register #404 and then the remaining data. For example, if the last packet data is of size 210 bytes. Then the Modbus register write size would be 1 + 210/2 (packet ID + 105 registers). The last packet data should not be of odd size but code to handle this case. If the last packet is an odd size, add an additional register to the register write count with the last byte of the last 2 byte register as 0.
7. An example of this process implemented in Visual C# with source code for a host PC is also available on the [Flash Technology website](#).

Note: If the bootloader processes Modbus message from its host and then stops receiving messages – to recover to a working state then after 3 minutes the bootloader will launch the primary tower application if able. If the Modbus upgrade process was started but not finished, then the bootloader will reboot, see an incomplete primary image and then launch the failsafe tower application.

Firmware Upgrade Registers				
Register Address	Read / Write	Register Name	Description / Values	
398	R	Boot Loader FW Version	The Boot Loader FW Version	
399	R	Boot Loader Map Version	The Boot Loader Supported Modbus Map Version	
400	R	Boot Loader Active	Poll to find when Bootloader is running (Bootloader registers inaccessible when lighting application running)	
401	R/W	Boot Loader Baud Rate	Write the values below to change the Boot loader baud rate. 9600 baud is default. Altering the baud rate does <b>not</b> persist through reboots for the bootloader. On every power up the default baud rate is initialized. When performing a remote firmware upgrade a higher baud rate selection is advised.	
			(0) 2400	(5) 28800
			(1) 4800	(6) 38400
			(2) 9600 (default)	(7) 57600
			(3) 14400	(8) 115200
		(4) 19200		

402	W	Unlock FW Upgrade Mode Reg 1	Write registers #402 and #403 in 1 modbus message (2 registers, 4 bytes) the values 0x7CA2 and 0x3A1D respectively to unlock the upgrade mode
403	W	Unlock FW Upgrade Mode Reg 2	
404	RW	Upgrade Packet ID	Write register 404 with the packet sequence number together with the packet data registers 405 to 661. If the Modbus response to packet writes (packet ID + packet data) is an error, then read this register. It is possible the Modbus Host missed the controller's packet successful acknowledgement and is repeating writes to a packet already committed. If the read packet ID # does not correspond to the Modbus host's packet ID # write then skip the unnecessary repeat write and proceed to the next packet
405 to 661	W	FW Upgrade Packet Data	Parse the FW Upgrade file 512 bytes (256 registers) at a time and write to these registers in sequence